



# PATENT APPLICATION

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For:

RESIN PIPE, PRODUCTION THEREOF, BASE FOR PHOTOSENSITIVE DRUMS,

AND PHOTOSENSITIVE DRUM CONSTRUCTED FROM SAID BASE

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please enter the following amended claims:

6. (Twice amended) A resin pipe formed by injection molding from a thermoplastic resin or a resin compound based on a thermoplastic resin, said resin pipe comprising:

an integrally molded projection that radially protrudes outward from an opposite end of an outer surface of the resin pipe to an end of said resin pipe having a flange and a driving gear formed integrally therewith, wherein the sectional geometry of said projection is selected from a group consisting of triangle, trapezoid, curved object with a round top and a slope, and semisphere.

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